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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESS INTERVIEW ON THE TLATELOLCO CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON THE TLATELOLCO CONFERENCE MADE BY
FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN CARLOS BLANCO IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED
BY EL DIA ON FEBRUARY 27.

QUESTION: WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE?

BLANCO: THE SPIRIT OF THE MEETING WAS VERY ENCOURAGING. WE
TRULY INITIATED, AND WITHOUT EXCLUSIONS, A NEW DIALOGUE AMONG
ALL THE PARTICIPANTS. I KNEW WHEN WE LEFT FOR THE CONFERENCE
THAT WE WOULD NOT REACH DEFINITE SOLUTIONS FOR THE TIME BEING
ON THE MAJOR PART OF THE THEMES TO BE DISCUSSED, GIVEN THEIR
COMPLEXITY. NEVERTHELESS I AM SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF
TLATELOLCO; THERE WERE NO DEFINITE SOLUTIONS IN SPECIFIC MATTERS
BUT THERE EXISTED AMONG THE DELEGATES CORDIALITY, FRANKNESS AND
GREAT CANDOR.

QUESTION: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS PROGRESS IN MEXICO
TOWARD THE IV GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA,
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GEORGIA, FROM APRIL 19 TO MAY 1, AND THAT IT CAN BE FACED WITH

OPTIMISM?

BLANCO: WE HAVE REGAINED THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND NOT ONLY IN THE POLITICAL MEANING THAT COULD BE GIVEN TO THE WORD. THIS RECUPERATION IS EVIDENCED IN THE FACT THAT ALL TRIED TO FIND HEMISPHERIC SOLUTIONS. THIS LETS US FACE THE MEETING IN ATLANTA WITH GREATER ASSURANCE.

QUESTION: OF THE AGENDA OF 8 POINTS RAISED BY LATIN AMERICA, WHICH WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT?

BLANCO: ALL FOCUSED ON ASPECTS OF SINGULAR IMPORTANCE, BUT I WOULD EMPHASIZE POINTS 1 THROUGH 4 OF THE AGENDA, THAT IS "COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT" AND THE "RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM". BOTH, BECAUSE OF THEIR GENERALITY, INCLUDE THE OTHERS.

QUESTION: WHAT WAS ATTAINED, CONCRETELY, IN COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT?

BLANCO: THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTOOD THAT IT HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES BUT THE OTHER MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE REGION RECOGNIZED THAT THEY OUGHT TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO THE LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. ALL UNDERSTOOD THAT ASSISTANCE OUGHT TO BE INTEGRAL SO THAT IT CAN ENCOMPASS THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL.

QUESTION: CAN YOU GIVE US A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO?

BLANCO: THERE WILL BE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMERCE. ABOUT THIS LET US SAY ONLY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TRY NOT TO ESTABLISH ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH ALREADY EXIST. CONCERNING TARIFF LEGISLATION, THE UNITED STATES IS WAITING FOR IT TO BE APPROVED IN ORDER THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES MIGHT THEN BE PERMITTED. ONCE THE LEGISLATION IS PASSED, IT WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
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SYSTEM?

BLANCO: OUR COUNTRY WORKED VERY ACTIVELY ON POINTS 1 AND 3. CONCERNING THE RESTRUCTURING, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN IT, THAT IT WOULD INTEREST ITSELF POSITIVELY, AND, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL, THE GOAL WILL BE REACHED. THAT THAT NATION WOULD

NOT BE, AS IT WAS A LITTLE WHILE AGO, A MERE SPECTATOR OF THE STUDIES.

QUESTION: WHAT WAS DECIDED ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT?

BLANCO: IT WAS DISCUSSED ALTHOUGH NO ACCORD WAS REACHED. SURELY IT WILL AGAIN BE A THEME OF THE NEXT MEETINGS WITH THE DESIRE TO REACH SOLUTIONS IN ORDER THAT INVESTMENT MIGHT HAVE A BENEFICIAL IMPORT, AS MUCH FOR LATIN AMERICA AS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

QUESTION: AND CONCERNING THE PANAMA CANAL, WHAT WAS SAID?

BLANCO: THAT IS WELL KNOWN. THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT GO TO THE CONFERENCE WITHOUT FIRST TAKING SIGNIFICANT STEPS. THE DELEGATIONS RECEIVED WITH APPROVAL THE ACCORD REACHED IN PANAMA THIS MONTH AND HOPE FOR DEFINITE RESULTS.

QUESTION: WAS THE SALE OF AUTOMOBILES BY ARGENTINA TO CUBA DISCUSSED?

BLANCO: IT WAS NOT A SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE.

QUESTION: AND THE ACTUAL SITUATION OF CUBA?

BLANCO: THAT WAS NOT A THEME OF DISCUSSION.

QUESTION: WAS URUGUAY IMPORTANT IN TLATELOLCO?

BLANCO: IF WHAT YOU ARE ASKING REFERS TO THE WORK OF THE TEAM, WE MUST ADMIT TO WORKING VERY ACTIVELY IN THE PREPARATORY STAGES IN BOGOTA, IN THE EXPERTS' MEETINGS IN MEXICO, AND ALSO BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSIONS WITH KISSINGER. WE EXERTED AN EFFORT

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IN EVERYTHING RELATED TO THE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS AND ITS CONSTRUCTIVE FOCUS. IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PERSONAL MATTERS, I AM NOT THE ONE WHO OUGHT TO JUDGE, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE FITTING TO HIDE THE FACT THAT URUGUAY WAS DESIGNATED--IN THE NAME OF SOUTH AMERICA--TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, LICENCIADO LUIS ECHEVERRIA. WE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY KISSINGER FROM THE UNITED STATES: GUATEMALA, FROM CENTRAL AMERICA; AND THE BAHAMAS FROM THE CARIBBEAN.

QUESTION: THE ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES LIKE THE "REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SIT
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